

Recruitment Centres of Para-Military forces

4802. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the existing recruitment centres of the para-military forces, force-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to set up a permanent recruitment centre at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The para military forces do not have permanent recruiting centre at fixed places. Recruitment to the rank of Constables/Riflemen is made through recruitment rallies conducted in various parts of the country by special recruitment teams detailed for this purpose.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.

Allotment of Natural Gas to Industries

4803. SHRI M.V.V.S MURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the natural gas allotted to various industries, during the last two years, state-wise;
- (b) the criteria adopted for allotment of gas to industries;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to further develop the tapping of natural gas in

Andhra Pradesh in the Eighth Plan; and

(d) if so, the details and the expected quantum of gas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND): (a) and (b). Allocations to the extent of approx. 30 MMSCMD have been made in the last two years in the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Assam and Tripura, on the basis of requirements of the core sector, best economic use etc.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. According to latest estimates, 3.2 MMSCMD of gas is expected to be available in the K.G. basin by the end of the VIII th Plan period.

National Seeds Corporation

4804. SHRI M.V.V.S MURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the loss incurred by the National Seeds Corporation (NSC) during 1990-91 and 1991-92;
- (b) whether the National Seeds Corporation provides assistance to the State Seed Corporations; and
- (c) if so, the financial assistance extended to Andhra Pradesh Seed Corporation during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) National Seeds Corporation (NSC) had incurred a loss of Rs. 898. 73 lakhs in its operation during 1990-91. As the accounts for 1991-92 are yet to be finalised, the profit/loss accounts of the Corporation are not available at present.

(b) No, Sir. However, National Seeds Corporation holds shares in 10 State Seeds Corporations.

(c) National Seeds Corporation have not provided any financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh Seed Corporation.

Foodgrain Production in Goa

4805. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the foodgrain production in Goa during each of the last three years, grain-wise;

(b) the area under these crops during the above period;

(c) whether the yield per hectare compares favourably with the national average; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to increase it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The foodgrain production in Goa during the last three years, grain-wise, is as under:-

Crop	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Rice	129.2	138.0	145.0
Ragi	3.3	3.8	3.8
Total foodgrains	132.5	141.8	148.8

(b) The area under the above crops in Goa during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are as under:-

Crop	('000 hectares)		
	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Rice	53.6	53.7	53.5
Ragi	3.5	3.6	3.7
Total area under foodgrains	57.1	57.3	57.2

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) although yield per hectare of foodgrains in Goa is much above the national average, yet various developmental measures are under implementation in Goa to further raise the yield per hectare.

Development of Agriculture In Goa

4806. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agriculture Research have undertaken several research work in Goa for development of agriculture in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated to the Research Institutions in Goa during 1991-92; and

(d) the amount utilised by them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Research on major field crops, horticultural and plantation crops and livestock including poultry and fisheries is in progress. Varieties like Annada Rice, CO 7527 sugar cane, C 152 cowpea, JL 24 groundnut, vengurala & cashewnut, Amarpal mango, Coorg Honey Diew, papaya Arka Abhaya